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FM AMCONSUL BELFAST
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1979
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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (EILBERG, JOSHUA), SHUM, UK
SUBJECT: CODEL EILBERG

1. CODEL EILBERG LAST NIGHT AUGUST 28 SENT THE FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN, HOME SECRETARY
MERLYN REES, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ROY
MASON, AND MINISTER OF STATE (NORTHERN IRELAND) DON
CONCANNON. THEY TELEPHONED THE TEXT TO THE CODEL OFFICE
IN WASHINGTON WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE TRANSMITTED ASAP
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN. THEY ACCEPTED THE CONGEN'S
SUGGESTION THAT THE MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY
SLUGGED FOR MS. DERIAN. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. TODAY AUGUST 28, 1978 WE MET BRENDAN GALLAGHER OF
STRABANE WHOSE SON WILLIAM THOMAS GALLAGHER IS IN THE
48TH DAY OF A HUNGER STRIKE IN LONG KESH PRISON, NORTHERN
IRELAND.

THE FATHER BELIEVES GALLAGHER WOULD COME OFK HUNGER
STRIE IF WE COULD GUARANTEE NO REPRISAL WOULD FOLLOW HIS
RETURN TO HEALTH.

FOR THIS GUARANTEE WE APPEAL TO YOU ON HUMANITARIAN
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GROUNDS.

OUR IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN THIS CASE IS PURELY TO
SAVE HIS LIFE.

WE ARE WILLING TO ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES IN THE
PRISON OR ALTERNATIVELY SUGGEST FATHER DENIS FAUL TO
ASSURE YOUNG GALLAGHER THAT HE WILL SUFFER NO REPRISAL.

WE ARE SURE YOU APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS

NECESSARY DUE TO THE BOY'S PHYSICAL CONDITION.

WE WERE TOLD GALLAGHER CLAIMS HE IS INNOCENT AND
SEEKS A RETRIAL. WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS BE
CONSIDERED.
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